MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the total Hindu population in the State according to the last Census Report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is given in the Census Report. I do not remember the exact figure now.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are the Government aware that Onam is an important national festival for the whole State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) That is a matter of opinion.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know when this question was taken up for consideration?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): This subject was discussed in one of the sessions of the Assembly last year and since then it has been under consideration.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I to understand then that Government never thought of the matter before that?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was only when the matter was brought to the notice of Government they thought it necessary to take action. They have not yet come to any conclusion on the point.

The Aykad Bridge.

31. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have taken any action regarding the construction of the Aykad bridge on the Chengannur—Kozhencheri road;

(*b*) the nature and the result of the action, if any, so far taken; and

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the place and, if so, the date and the result of the inspection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Division Officer, Quilon, has submitted to the Chief Engineer an estimate and plans for the construction of the bridge.

(*c*) Yes. On 11-9-1934 the Chief Engineer inspected the place and found it necessary to alter the site and modify the design.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware that there were budget allotments in previous years for the construction of the Aykad bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I believe there were.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): If so, when?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Why was the work not carried out then?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The design was not satisfactory and some modifications were necessary.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know what is the amount required for the construction of the bridge according to the estimate of the Division Officer?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 24,500.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Does the member know that the volume of traffic has considerably increased?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha.

32 ***MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Director of Public Instruction has received any representation to shift the office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools at Muvattupuzha to Todupuzha;

(*b*) if so, when the representation was made;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken on it; if so, what;

(*d*) whether there is any taluk in the State which has not got at least one office of the Assistant Inspector of Schools there; if so, which;

(*e*) whether there are taluks which hold more offices of the Assistant Inspectors of Schools than one; and

(*f*) whether the Director consulted any one regarding the location of these offices at the time of initiating his new scheme?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Three months ago.

(*c*) It was decided to recommend no change at present until the scheme had been working longer.

(*d*) Yes; Shencotta,
Pattanapuram,
Peermade,
Devicolam, and
Todupuzha.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. He consulted the Inspecting Officers.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know why Government are nervous about the shifting of the offices of Inspectors of Schools from one place to another?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): The scheme was only put into force a few months ago and it is not considered desirable to upset it now.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thodupuzha* cum *Devicolm*): How does Government consider that the shifting will upset the scheme?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Because, there may come similar requests from other taluks.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Then, may I know whether there are general complaints regarding the location of these offices?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Far from it. There was no written representation even about Todupuzha as for that matter.

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